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Week ending September 26, 2010

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 26, 2010**. Light showers and cooler temperatures over the weekend were welcomed by many farmers. Despite the rain, many counties are still reporting very dry conditions and producers are worried about their forage. Soil moisture was rated 40 percent very short, 42 percent short, and 18 adequate.

Crop progress for week ending September 26, 2010

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, mature	100	100	100	100
Corn, harvested	100	99	80	91
Cotton, open bolls	97	95	73	89
Cotton, harvested	51	37	0	23
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	96	94	93	95
Peanuts, harvested	18	15	0	13
Rice, mature	100	99	96	97
Rice, harvested	85	79	29	63
Sorghum, mature	100	100	100	99
Sorghum, harvested	96	92	47	83
Soybeans, turning color	96	93	82	93
Soybeans, dropping leaves	87	79	59	82
Soybeans, harvested	65	55	30	59
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	65	58	25	40
Winter Wheat, planted	6	2	0	2
Winter Wheat, emerged	1	0	0	0

Crop condition for week ending September 26, 2010

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton	3	9	28	45	15
Livestock	2	13	43	34	8
Pasture	28	39	27	5	1
Peanuts	0	0	10	28	62

Comments

“The harvest is slowing down for some, and many are waiting for late soybeans to be ready for harvest. Cotton has looked really good this season and we still have a good bit left to pick.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Due to the dry weather, grass has become brittle to the touch in pastures, hayfields, and yards. The only good thing about this dry weather is that cotton harvest is progressing quickly. Yields are better than expected based on number of modules we are getting, but we still have to wait on the gin turnout to be sure.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Harvesting activities are beginning to slow down. Cotton yields have been better than anticipated. Excellent progress is being made with fall tillage work, including fertilizer and lime applications.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“The break in the temperature over the weekend was a welcome relief.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“Scattered showers over the weekend have helped with pastures and have reduced the danger of fire; however, soil moisture levels remain at critically low levels.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Light showers stopped harvest for a couple of days, but the harvest is moving along nicely. We still need the nice weather to continue.”

— Don Respass, Quitman

“Rain will only stop harvesting for a couple of days. We had a very good week of harvesting.”
— Don Respass, Coahoma

“There might be another cutting of hay if we get a soaking rain, but if not, the hay season might be over. Many winter forage planters are holding off planting because of the extremely dry conditions.”
— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Dry, hot weather is delaying planting of winter forages. The cold front brought in cooler temps; however, most areas in county received less than one tenth of an inch of rain. Farm ponds are drying up.”
— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending September 26, 2010

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	98	63	81	72	9	0.45	-0.25	1	2.22
Cleveland	99	61	80	74	6	0.01	-0.76	1	3.41
Lambert 1W	102	58	80			0.53	-0.20	1	1.71
Tunica 2N	97	59	81	71	10	0.00	-0.63	0	0.43
Extreme/Average	102	58	80	72	8	0.25	-0.46	1	1.94
North-Central									
Batesville 2SW	100	56	79	71	8	0.05	-0.72	1	0.95
Hickory Flat	98	54	76	70	6	0.38	-0.51	2	1.10
Holly Springs	98	53	77	69	8	0.48	-0.36	1	1.32
Independence	98	55	78	70	8	0.30	-0.49	1	1.01
Oxford	99	59	79	70	9	0.39	-0.45	2	1.48
Extreme/Average	100	53	78	71	7	0.32	-0.52	1	1.17
Northeast									
Booneville	96	60	77	70	7	0.40	-0.44	2	1.72
Corinth 7SW	97	57	78	72	6	1.70	0.73	1	2.59
Pontotoc Exp	97	61	78	71	7	0.22	-0.75	2	1.90
Tupelo 2	96	63	79			0.91		2	2.53
Verona	99	61	79	71	8	0.25	-0.68	1	1.41
Extreme/Average	99	57	78	70	8	0.70	-0.21	2	2.03
Lower Delta									
Belzoni	98	65	82	73	9	0.00	-0.70	0	0.10
Moorhead	101	64	82	74	8	0.00	-0.84	0	0.65
Rolling Fork	100	61	82	73	9	0.17	-0.58	1	0.72
Stoneville Exp	100	62	81	73	8	0.36	-0.43	1	2.62
Yazoo City				74		0.00	-0.70	0	1.06
Extreme/Average	101	61	82	73	9	0.11	-0.66	0	1.26
Central									
Canton 4N	100	61	80	73	7	0.01	-0.69	1	0.31
Forest 3S	95	59	78	73	5	0.03	-0.81	1	0.03
Kosciusko	98	65	80	73	7	0.06	-0.78	1	0.39
Winona 5E	99	57	79	69	10	0.19	-0.65	1	1.72
Extreme/Average	100	57	79	72	7	0.07	-0.74	1	0.61
East-Central									
Aberdeen	99	53	78	71	7	0.10	-0.81	1	0.72
Columbus	99	61	80	73	7	0.16	-0.66	1	0.28
Macon	98	56	79	72	7	0.40	-0.40	1	1.14
Philadelphia				73		0.00	-0.75	0	0.83
State University	101	62	81	72	9	0.02	-0.79	1	2.68
Extreme/Average	101	53	80	72	8	0.17	-0.67	1	1.23
Southwest									
Brookhaven City	94	64	79	73	6	0.00	-0.84	0	0.45
Crystal Springs	96	65	81	74	7	0.00	-1.02	0	0.32
Natchez	94	65	80	75	5	0.35	-0.49	1	0.88
Port Gibson 1NE	95	66	80	72	8	0.58	-0.24	2	1.26
Vicksburg	97	64	82			0.00		0	0.46
Extreme/Average	97	64	81	74	7	0.19	-0.67	1	0.73
South-Central									
Collins	94	64	79	73	6	0.00	-0.96	0	0.50
Columbia	96	66	81	74	7	0.05	-0.88	1	0.58
Monticello	98	64	82	74	8	0.00	-0.84	0	0.54
Raleigh 6N	95	60	77			0.23		2	0.59
Extreme/Average	98	60	80	74	6	0.07	-0.86	1	0.55
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	94	66	80	75	5	0.14	-0.81	1	2.14
Laurel	97	63	80	74	6	0.00	-0.97	0	2.05
Newton Exp Stn	100	60	79	72	7	0.00	-0.83	0	0.31
Waynesboro 2W	98	63	81	73	8	0.01	-1.02	1	1.34
Extreme/Average	100	60	80	74	6	0.04	-0.91	1	1.46
State	102	53	80	73	7	0.19	-0.66	1	1.15

DFN = Departure from Normal.